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I, Walter Ottesen, state that I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed and found the specification (pages 1 to 12) and three sheets of drawing (FIGS. 1 to 6) as shown in my files to be the papers attached to the declaration of Andreas Fleck and Olaf Kluth for Flexible Pipe Connecting Unit which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a true copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application on July 28, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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